

**URISA ONTARIO
2017AGM Script**
Markham Convention Centre
2901 Markham Rd, Toronto, ON M1X 0B6
3rd day of May, 2017

Catherine

President to call the meeting to order and welcome attendees to AGM

Time: 8:30 am

Melanie

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Secretary, Melanie Wawryk, confirms that proper notice for the meeting was given. Notice of the meeting was emailed **April 15, 2017** in compliance with Section 32 of Bylaw #1, which states that,

“Notice of the Annual General Meeting must be mailed to all members not less than 14 days prior to the meeting”.

Melanie

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum, of at least 10 active members is in attendance, therefore, the Annual General Meeting of URISA - Ontario is duly constituted.

Catherine

MINUTES OF 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF URISA ONTARIO

Those in attendance at the meeting were advised that copies of last year's AGM minutes dated **4th day of May, 2016** were and are available online at the URISA Ontario Website.

Catherine

Motion

The Minutes of the AGM held May 4th, 2015 at Apollo Convention Centre 6591 Innovator Drive, Mississauga, ON be approved.

Moved by: **Frank Goehner**

Seconded by: **Al Little**

President's Report

Annual Report review by Catherine Fitzgerald

Motion

The President's Report is received as prepared.

Moved by: **Ron Jeros**

Seconded by: **Al Little**

Motion carried by a show of hands

Melanie

Auditors Report

The Auditors report is still in progress. Highlights of the report will be available to the members on the website and members will be notified in an eblast when it is available.

Melanie

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Motion

Be it resolved that the firm of Shore, Newman and Rose be re-appointed as Auditor of the Association if needed until the next annual meeting at remuneration to be fixed by the Directors. The Directors are hereby authorized to fix such remuneration.

Motion moved by: **Susan Kasumba**

Seconded by: **Frank Goehner**

Motion carried by a show of hands

Catherine

ELECTION / NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations received to date are: **Andrew Lyszkiewicz**
Irene Rubinstein

Call for Nominations from the floor: **Miriana Strajin**
Kyle Murdoch
Dianne Adams

NEW BUSINESS

The members were asked if there was any new business.

There being no new business or the new business being resolved, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

The 2017 Annual General Meeting is adjourned.

Moved by: **Frank Goehner**

Seconded by: **Susan Kasumba**

Motion carried by a show of hands.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 am

URISA ONTARIO
Post AGM
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Time: **4:30pm**

In Attendance:

Sandra Crutcher
Catherine Fitzgerald
Jeremy Luymes
Melanie Wawryk
Jasna Filipovic
Susan Kasumba

Miriana Strajin
Kyle Murdoch
Andrew Lyszkiewicz
Irene Rubinstein
Dianne Adams

Post AGM Minutes

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Appointment of officers of the Association for 2017/2018:

- President (Year 1 of 2-year term) **Catherine Fitzgerald**
- Vice President. (Year 1 of 2-year term) **Jasna Filipovic**

Committees

To be determined

All other appointments will be made at the first Board Meeting of the new Executive.

Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Moved by: **Jasna Filipovic**

Seconded by: **Dianne Adams**

The motion was carried by a show of hands.

2016-2017 President's Report

URISA Ontario is proud to celebrate 30 years as a thriving association of GIS Professionals in Ontario. Established in 1987 and incorporated in Ontario on March 31, 1992, the association has grown from a small group to a growing network with over a 1,000 members and associates.

This year, we recognize the new 30 year Jubilee Club. The following individuals have been active leaders with URISA Ontario since the very beginning of the association. We value their continued support and contribution to the association and welcome them to the new Jubilee Club: Alex Miller, Esri Canada, Jury Konga, eGov Futures Group, Lou Milrad, Milrad Law, Ron Jaros, Region of Peel and Sandra Crutcher, URISA Ontario.

The URISA Ontario 2016-2017 membership year has proven to be a successful year for the Board, Committees, and the members. With a healthy mix of both seasoned and new Directors and Committee volunteers, we have been very successful in being able to provide good value to our membership through current and topical educational and training events. Members have received many informative eBlasts keeping you up to date on job postings, industry news and upcoming association events. The Association had continued to grow and has attracted new members. Again this year, 30% of the attendees at BeSpatial are first-time attendees. Just under 30% of the attendees this year have been members for 10 years or more. With such a strong balance of new and established members, the association provides an amazing opportunity for networking and collaboration.

URISA Ontario is a volunteer-based organization. This fact, along with the dedicated time commitment required, demonstrates the leadership commitment of each of the volunteers who make URISA Ontario so successful. I continue to be amazed at what our volunteers accomplish. I hope you are as well.

Association and industry volunteer work is proven as a viable leadership training stream and can open many doors in one's personal and professional lives. There is no better way to build your professional network and make a name for yourself, all the while developing very transferable skills. Volunteer involvement also serves as credit for industry certification opportunities such as the GISP and AOLS's GIM designations. I urge you to consider getting actively involved in your Association.

2016-2017 Highlights

URISA Ontario's Directors and Committee volunteers continue to plan and execute premium events, publications and services to our members. They continue to devote their time and effort to ensure that the members of URISA Ontario receive good value for their membership dollars. The following several paragraphs outline some of the major achievements for the 2016-2017 membership year.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank three of our colleagues who are stepping down from their roles on the Board this year. Thank you Ashleigh Harris, Director – Communications, Jim Silburn, Director – Membership and Al Little, Director – Finance. Al Little will continue in his ex officio strategic support role as Past President of the association.

One of the highlights of this past year has been welcoming our URISA International peers to Toronto for the GIS-Pro conference held October 31 to November 3, 2016 in Toronto, Ontario. The GIS-Pro conference was last held in Toronto in 1997 and URISA Ontario was pleased to welcome international GIS Professionals to Toronto for the event.

URISA Ontario Board members and volunteers participated extensively in the organizing of the GIS-Pro conference, assisting with items such as creating the event program and organizing local social events. Thank you to all the URISA Ontario volunteers who helped make this a success.

AGM/BeSpatial Committee

The AGM/BeSpatial 2017 Committee, led by Jasna Filipovic and Committee members Caitlin Blundell,

Irene Rubinstein, Jeremy Luymes, Melanie Wawryk, Ashleigh Harris and Sandra Crutcher along with support of the URISA Board organized another well attended and successful conference with over 250 registrants, held at the Markham Convention Centre. This venue made it easy for attendees to network with colleagues, move from one session to another and attend booths in a centralized area. URISA Ontario will continue moving this event around Ontario to try and accommodate most of our valued members. We love to learn but we also love to have fun and get to know our colleagues, this is why URISA Ontario has decided to organize their Be Social event again this year.

Our post-BeSpatial workshop topic this year is *How can FME help in Asset Management?* Thank you to Consortech for sponsoring and delivering the BeSpatial Workshop.

Thank you to all our volunteers, exhibitors and sponsors for supporting this event.

- Volunteers: Vanessa Lo, Cindy Sardena, Jenny Tjhin, Sunil Velala, Hongyu Zhang
- Platinum Sponsors & Exhibitors: Teranet, Esri Canada
- Gold Sponsors: Consortech
- Exhibitors: The Association of Ontario Land Surveyors, Cansel, Fanshawe College, GeoShack, R&B Cormier Inc., Vivax-Metrotech, Terra Discovery Ltd.

Also, thank you Jasna, Caitlin, Irene, Jeremy, Melanie, Ashleigh, and Sandra!

Communications

The Communication Committee, chaired by Ashleigh Harris, continues to support our involvement on social media and the website to promote our organization to those outside our membership. We are actively using Twitter (@URISAOntario) and support content in our LinkedIn Group. Our eBlasts continue to include great information about our association and industry, and are typically followed by high volumes of traffic to our website. We find that our Job Board to be one of our most popular 'click-throughs' from our eBlasts. The Committee puts in many hours to pursue constant contact with our market, members and sponsors.

Thank you Ashleigh and the Communications Committee!

- Chris Aspila
- Erica McIntee (LinkedIn)
- Jeremy Luymes (Web)
- Mike Smith (Twitter)
- Director & Chair: Ashleigh Harris

Web

URISA Ontario's website, managed by Director Jeremy Luymes, continues to be used to advertise jobs, events, and industry news this past year. Under Jeremy's leadership, URISA Ontario has implemented a new website and customer relations management system. The migration of content and membership data to the new site was a significant volunteer effort and we hope you enjoy the new look, functionality and opportunities to connect to the URISA Membership.

Thank you Jeremy for your leadership and enormous effort on this change!

Finance

The Association's finances are maintaining a very stable position. Our Director of Finance, Al Little, controlled these finances while being responsible for oversight of the bookkeeping and liaising with the Association's auditors. With strong support from Executive Director Sandra Crutcher, Al has ensured the financial health of the Association.

Al is stepping down from this position and a new Director will be announced.

Thank you Al and Sandra!

Member & Education Services

With an active membership of over 1,000, our Member & Education Services Director, Melanie Wawryk, with the support of Executive Director Sandra Crutcher, ensured our membership database is kept current for effective and ongoing contact to support the ongoing communication for event promotion, eBlasts and outreach. Melanie, with strong support from Sandra Crutcher assisted in facilitating the 10, 20, 25 and 30-year membership recognition program for the annual BeSpatial event. Melanie also continues to facilitate the Annual General Meeting.

Thank you Melanie and Sandra!

Program Committee

The Program Committee is led by Caitlin Blundell, Geographic Design, and sub-committee volunteers include John Bacon, Marc Baila, Jasna Filipovic and Frank Goehner. The 2016-2017 membership year focused on the URISA International GIS-Pro Conference held October 31 to November 3 in Toronto. This multiday conference included presentations from international membership and the Program Committee was instrumental in the selection of relevant content for the event. In addition, the Program Committee selected and organized sessions for BeSpatial '17 and have implemented a new Call for Presentations framework that has simplified the presentation submission process.

Caitlin has finished her current term as Program Director and will be staying on as a Director-at-Large on the Board. Thank you Caitlin!
Thank you Caitlin, John, Marc, Jasna, and Frank!

Sections

Regional sections are very important elements of the URISA Ontario structure in order to maintain and support our membership at the local level. The Board recognizes that providing services equally to all members is the goal. Having representation at the local level, and providing services at the local level is one method to accomplish this. Currently, URISA Ontario has three formal sections: Northern and Western, and Eastern.

Active recruitment for new Northern Directors occurred in 2016-2017 and we are looking forward to officially selecting new Northern Directors for the 2017-2018 membership year.

The Western Section is led by Director Chris Aspila and is operated out of Windsor. Chris has finished his current term as Western Director and will be stepping down. Thank you Chris for all you have contributed to the Western Section!

Chris will be staying on the URISA Ontario Board as a Director-at-Large, primarily focusing on the OneURISA Membership model discussions with our URISA International associates.

Susan Muleme Kasumba joined the URISA Ontario Board as Director, Eastern Region this year. Susan has been actively contributing to the Board and facilitated the *Integrating LiDAR Data* Panel discussion at BeSpatial. Please stay tuned for an event in Eastern Ontario this fall.

Thank you Chris and Susan!

URISA International

URISA International is carrying out a 5 year initiative to revamp the relationship between the parent organization and its Chapters. URISA Ontario has been represented on the Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) contributing on the discussions to grow the International and Chapter relationships.

One important activity influencing the relationship between URISA Ontario and URISA International is the 'OneURISA' model. As you may be aware, when you become a member of URISA Ontario, you do not automatically become a member of URISA International. URISA International is considering options to change to a 'OneURISA' membership model, aligning chapter membership with URISA International membership. The URISA Ontario Board has been actively assessing this model and the impact and benefits to URISA Ontario members. The Board will consult with members and present any changes at an Annual General Meeting if required. Chris Aspila, Director-at-Large will continue to coordinate discussions with URISA International regarding the 'OneURISA' model.

Moving Forward

We continue to look at the future for the Association and have developed several Strategic Objectives to work on. Here are just a few:

- ensure high quality, engaging presentations at URISA Ontario events
- increase partner and exhibitor participation
- conduct a membership survey to obtain feedback on URISA Ontario directions
- continue to grow the BeSpatial event
- investigate opportunities and stronger relationships with other associations: joint events, shared sessions
- work with URISA International and other URISA Chapters to leverage best practices
- continue to grow URISA Ontario Sections (Northern, Eastern, Western)

As you can see, this is NOT an idle Association! There is lots to do, there are lots of passionate members and volunteers, and a stable and strong core of Association leadership! Think about getting involved, I can say, without a doubt, that involvement in industry associations is one of the best ways to network with colleagues, identify opportunities, and further one's personal and professional development. I hope to hear from many of you, and I look forward to continuing my term as your President!

Further Acknowledgements

Board Member and Committee Volunteer Employers

Along with our dedicated Board members and Committee volunteers, URISA Ontario would like to acknowledge and thank the [organizations](#) who employ those outstanding and unbelievable individuals.

Having the support from one's employer is beneficial and very important to the success of the Association. These organizations include:

- A.J. Clarke and Associates Ltd.
- Airborne Imaging
- Ausable Bayfield CA
- City of Hamilton
- City of Kitchener
- City of Windsor
- Esri Canada
- Fanshawe College
- Freelance Consultant
- Geographic Design
- Geospatial Strategist
- Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- Region of Halton
- Ting Internet
- Toshiba America Energy Systems
- Town of Oakville
- URISA Ontario

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our Executive Director, Sandra Crutcher who from year to year continues to play such a pivotal role behind the scenes for URISA Ontario. She keeps the Board on track and supports committee initiatives as well as being the day to day first responder on member enquiries and updates.

Long Serving Members

URISA Ontario is very proud of our Long Serving Members! Today we are recognizing those members that have achieved 10, 20, 25 and 30 year membership milestones.

The following individuals are celebrating **10 years of Membership** in URISA Ontario:

Brent Harlow, City of Barrie
Chris Singh, Ministry of Transportation
Danaka Kimber, GISP, City of Niagara Falls
James Booth, Region of Durham
Jason Hannigan, GISP, County of Lambton
Jeff Brick, Municipality of West Perth
Jeff Young, iLOOKabout Inc.
Jim Birch, Town of Oakville
Joanna Wojcyszyn, City of Burlington
Joe Cartier, City of Windsor, PW
Kandeana McBride, Region of Halton - PW

Karri Sonke, Huron County
Kelly Austen, City of Hamilton
Mario Scopazzi, Fanshawe College
Paul Campbell, Teranet Inc.
Rob Santos, Esri Canada
Rory Cornelius, Region of Peel
Russell Schnurr, Fanshawe College
Steve Maddison, Latitude Geographics
Wayne Roy, City of Windsor
Wendy St. Amour, County of Essex

2017 Inductees to our **20 Years of Membership** are:

Andy Mc Ghie, City of Toronto, GCC
Ann Evans, GISP, City of Burlington, ITS
Chris Harrington, Upper Thames River CA
Duncan S. Rowe, York Region, Geomatics
George Sousa, P. Eng., Grand River CA
Gordon Plunkett, Esri Canada
Terry Chapman, Upper Thames River CA

2017 Inductees to our **25 Years of Membership** are:

Margaret Parkin, Region of Waterloo
Shelley Crosby, City of Oshawa

2017 Inductees to our newest **30 Year Jubilee Club** are:

Alex Miller, Esri Canada
Jury Konga, eGov Futures Group
Lou Milrad, Milrad Law
Ron Jaros, Region of Peel
Sandra Crutcher, URISA Ontario

Thank you **all** for your continued support.

Closing Remarks

In summary, we have listened to the feedback of our members and continue to make improvements along the way. I'd like to, once again, thank all of our Directors and Committee volunteers, for their continued volunteer hours and making 2016-2017 another enlightening and successful year for the Association. Without you, there would be no URISA Ontario!

On behalf of the URISA Ontario Board of Directors, I extend a warm welcome to you to the Markham Convention Centre, the URISA Ontario Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the 2017 edition of our BeSpatial event! Don't forget to drop in and mingle at the Be Social event, happening immediately after the last session today. Have a wonderful day!

Catherine Fitzgerald
President
URISA Ontario